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Pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement together with a completed Form PTO/SB/08A and a copy of each reference listed thereon.

This application corresponds and claims priority to Japanese Application No. 2002-378158, filed December 26, 2002.

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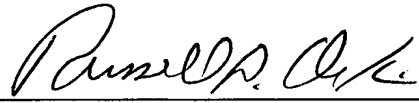
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Japanese Application No. 2002-206256 (typed as Japanese Application No. 2000-206256 in the specification) is described on Page 1, lines 13-14 of the present application. Applicant cites 2002-206256 in Form PTO/SB/08A, even though it was erroneously typed in the application. A partial English-language translation of Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-206256 is enclosed herewith.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, it is timely under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) and no fee is required. The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. The original and two copies of this Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed.

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